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2. Beria said that the peace talks would end in deadlock if the eastern German frontiers were raised as a subject for discussion by the British or the Americans. The West would be foolish to regard the present peacefulness as Soviet weakness, when it was really wise tactics on the part of the USSR. The West could talk, but the USSR would act as it felt was right, for time was on Russia's side. The USSR had made all necessary preparations in this period; moreover, Russia knew what preparations the United States had made, including the number and strength of A-bombs. Russia also knew that the United States already has all of the required bases for conflict.
3. Beria further stated that Russia would never withdraw from her present positions. The Eastern Zone must be converted into a bulwark and made ready for anchluss with the Eastern Bloc. Further scrutiny of central government personnel is to be made, and economic unity with the eastern system is to be accelerated. New political troops are to be formed. The present political parties will have to change their outlook, for no disturbing factor can remain in the new "volksrepublik". The bourgeois parties, according to Beria, are allowed for the present as they provide the means of recognizing western oriented circles. Defections will be prevented.
4. Evacuation of Berlin by westerners is to be the Party goal, since their presence in Berlin is a constant obstacle to Russian policy.

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